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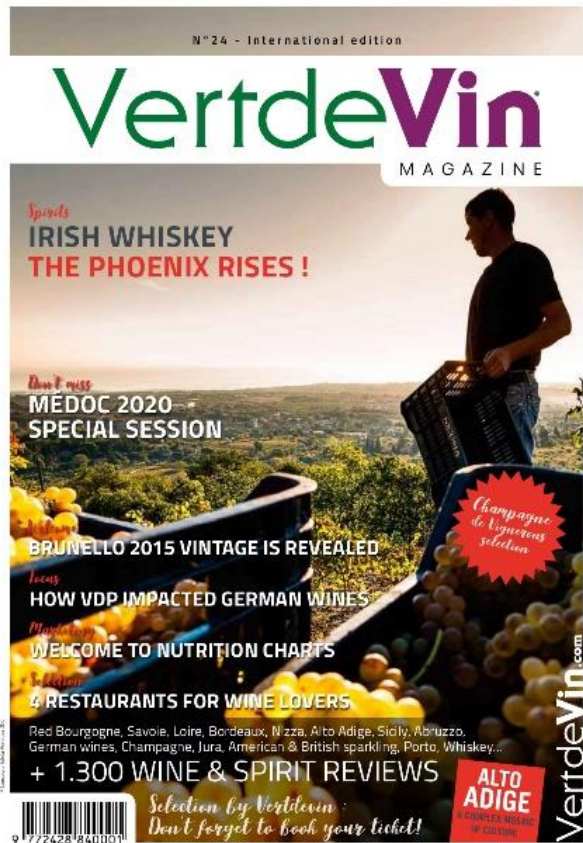
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The year 2020-21 has been the 15th warmest compared to the late 64 years, marked by an average temperature of 9.9°C. The winegrower must be expected this temperature ranking will rise in the future. Nizza area too is entered in a new cycle influenced by the climate change, characterized by several extreme climatic phenomena, frequently but localized in restricted areas. Notwithstanding this hot and dry year, there were floods and heavy rainfall, especially at the beginning of the 2021; the spring has been signed by a frosts which affected the valley bottoms in a spotty manner. Despite a late vegetative awakening, the harvest began a week early, grapes had a perfect phenolic ripeness, sugar, pH and acidity ideal levels; great conditions for Nizza with high persistence and good potential of ageing.

## Guasti, Laficaia 2020

### Nizza

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is reserved and discreet (the wine benefits from being airy). It expresses notes of garriguetta strawberry, fresh raspberry, red currants, morello cherry and red cherry jam, with a touch of fresh blueberry. We also find delicate floral notes (iris, peony, rose) a hint of wild mint and a fine spiciness (grated nutmeg, cloves, liquorice, a fine touch of vanilla) and a hint of toasted hazelnut. The palate offers freshness and airiness, as well as gourmandise and a savoury spiciness. We find notes of clove, grated nutmeg, toasted vanilla (in the background), liquorice, as well as a hint of toasted hazelnut, flowers (peony, violet, iris) and juicy

ripe fruits (morello cherry, wild strawberry, red cherry, raspberry coulis, blueberry). The tannins are well structured, fine, but firm. The finish is warm, gourmand and supple, but quite fresh.

**Score: 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)**

### **Cossetti, Crivelletto 2021**

#### **Nizza**

The wine has a bright ruby color. The nose expresses a fragrant, tangy and bright fruity bouquet: we find notes of wild strawberries, tangy red cherry jam, fresh raspberries, redcurrant jelly and elderberry syrup. On the second nose, the wine offers an expressive and elegant floral notes of peony, iris, rose, associated with a mineral (resinous), herbaceous (mint) touch and a fine spicy hint (liquorice). The palate is lively, chiseled and tangy. The attack is frank, fruity, with notes of tart red cherry, raspberry, cranberries and strawberry. We then find notes of rose, iris and peony, as well as touches of crushed wild mint and a spicy touch (liquorice, cumin). The tannins are fine and delicate, but noticeable. Good acidity and good length.

**Score: 15.25/20 (90/100)**

### **Vinchio Vaglio Laudana 2020**

#### **Nizza**

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers concentration, fruit, as well as a refined spicy and oaky notes. It expresses notes of clove, nutmeg, liquorice, cocoa and cherry in chocolate, enveloped in a juicy and ripe fruitiness. We find notes of wild strawberry, morello cherry, cherry jam, raspberry coulis, a touch of blackcurrant, dried mint, as well as violet, rose and dried cornflower, combined with a mineral hint. The palate is juicy and silky, gourmand and fruity. It expresses the flavors of wild strawberries, juicy morello cherries, crushed blackcurrants, raspberry coulis, blueberry jam, combined with a fine spicy and herbaceous notes (liquorice, cloves, a hint of vanilla, dried mint), dark chocolate, cherry in chocolate, as well as slightly sweet floral notes of peony and iris. The tannins are melted and soft, with a fine texture. Beautiful lively and salivating acidity, good persistence on the palate.

**Score: 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)**

### **Frasca La Guaragna 2020**

#### **Nizza**

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is gourmand, fruity and finely spicy. It expresses distinct and savoury sweet spicy notes: grated nutmeg, cloves, fresh liquorice stick and cumin grains, combined with notes of ripe fruit (strawberry, morello cherry, raspberry, red plum, fresh blackcurrant), wild mint, as well as dried rose, rosehip, lilac, as well as a toasted and smoked touch in the melt. The palate is delicious, fruity and enveloping, even with slightly sweet and jammy flavors. It expresses notes of crushed wild strawberry, raspberry, raspberry jam, crème de cassis, morello cherry jam and fresh morello cherry, combined with notes of chocolate cherry, mint chocolate, liquorice, clove, ground nutmeg, and fine floral notes (rose, lilac, rosehip). The tannins are very fine, structured, slightly grippy, but silky and enveloped. The finish is quite persistent, delicious, sapid, slightly spicy, with a nice refreshing acidity.

**Score: 15.75+/20 (91-92/100)**

### **Frasca La Guaragna, La Veja 2020**

#### **Nizza**

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is savoury, delicately spicy and chocolatey. It expresses notes of clove, liquorice, ground nutmeg, a hint of cinnamon, as well as

touches of fresh tobacco, dry bay leaf, wild mint, lilac, rose, lily and a beautiful fruity material (notes of fresh strawberry, roasted red cherry, raspberry coulis, fresh blackcurrant and morello cherry). We also find a delicate touch of roasting in the background (toasted wood, toasted almond) and a hint of black olive. The palate is gourmand, juicy and expressive. We find notes of crushed wild strawberry, raspberry coulis, fresh crushed blackcurrant, morello cherry and roasted red cherry, combined with touches of liquorice, ground nutmeg, cinnamon and vanilla in the background, as well as notes of fresh tobacco, bay leaf, toasted almond and black olive. The tannins are well structured and melted. The finish is persistent, gourmand and tasty, with sweet notes of roasted cherry, refreshed by a salivating acidity.

**Score 16+/20 (92-93/100)**

### **Cascina Guido Berta 2020**

#### **Nizza**

The wine has a bright ruby color, of medium intensity. The nose is smoky, even meaty at first, but benefits from aeration. It then expresses notes of morello cherry, tart red cherry, raspberry, strawberry, crushed wild blackberry, as well as a herbaceous touch (basil, thyme, bay leaf), balsamic, sweet spices (nutmeg, clove, liquorice in the background) and flowers (violet, cornflower, dried rose). The palate is savoury, enveloping and reflects the meaty notes, which we find on the first nose. It then develops towards notes of crushed strawberry, morello cherry, juicy red cherry, raspberry and red currants, associated with notes of sweet spices (grated nutmeg, cloves, liquorice), dried flowers (rose, cornflower, violet) and a touch of cherry in chocolate in the background. The tannins are soft and supple, with a fine and velvety texture. Good acidity and good persistence. A savoury and gourmand wine.

**Score: 15.5/20 (91/100)**

### **Durio Pragerolamo 2020**

#### **Nizza**

The wine has a deep ruby color. The nose is gourmand, fruity, with a nice freshness of menthol. It expresses notes of juicy morello cherry, wild strawberry, fresh raspberry, blackberry, wild plum, fresh purple fig, roasted red cherry and dried blackcurrant, combined with notes of wild mint, eucalyptus, with a refined spiciness (grated nutmeg, cloves, liquorice, a touch of vanilla), as well as a floral bouquet (rose, violet, dried peony). The palate is full, gourmand and fruity, with a firm but elegant tannic structure. The flavors are juicy and gourmand: we find notes of wild strawberry, blackberry, crushed blackcurrant, red cherry jam, crème de cassis, as well as mint chocolate, menthol, chocolate cherry, cloves, nutmeg, a touch of cinnamon and liquorice. The finish is persistent, chocolatey, with a nice acidity. Freshness and balance on the palate, the high alcohol level is integrated and practically imperceptible (we just feel a warming touch which appears in the finish).

**Score: 17.25/20 (94-95/100)**

### **La Maranzana, La Sessanta 2019**

#### **Nizza**

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity with very light garnet reflections. The nose offers distinct, but integrated, spicy and oaky notes, as well as very subtle developing aromas. We find in particular notes of fresh tobacco, forest floor (a very slightly perceptible touch), dried mint, dried rose, iris and lilac, as well as a juicy and ripe fruitiness: the aromas of strawberry crunchy, raspberry, fresh blackcurrant, crème de cassis, morello cherry, as well as a delicate lactic touch of cherry yogurt, sweet spices (vanilla, cinnamon, liquorice, cloves) and caramelised hazelnut. On the palate, the wine offers smoothness, gourmandise and roundness, as well as liveliness, thanks to a

salivating acidity. It expresses the flavors of morello cherry, crunchy strawberry, raspberry, fresh blackcurrant, liquorice, vanilla (in the background), crushed mint and a fine floral bouquet (rose, violet, lilac). Nice balance: gourmandise, lovely freshness on the palate and a savory finish. The tannins are fine and delicate.

**Score: 15.5+/20 (91/100)**

## **Tenuta Bricco San Giorgio, Caranti 2020**

### **Nizza**

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is gourmand, fleshy with a very ripe fruity, even a bit sweet. It expresses notes of roasted red cherry, chocolate cherry, juicy morello cherry, fresh blackcurrant, wild strawberry, raspberry coulis, redcurrant jelly, as well as a refreshing menthol side, a touch of peppermint, liquorice, cloves, nutmeg, vanilla, as well as a fine hint of torrefaction (mild coffee, toasted hazelnut, toasted oak), cocoa and a fragrant floral bouquet (cornflower, lily, rose dried). The palate offers energy, an assertive tannic structure, as well as a fleshy and delicious fruitiness. We find notes of wild strawberry, juicy morello cherry, red cherry jam, redcurrant jelly, wild blackberry, fresh blackcurrant and blackcurrant jam, refreshed by a minty side, notes of peppermint and a beautiful salivating acidity. We also find a delicate but perceptible spiciness, notes of liquorice, cloves and nutmeg, associated with floral notes (violet, lily, rose) and a hint of fresh tobacco and dark chocolate in the background. The finish is quite persistent, fresh and tangy, but fruity, round and gourmand at the same time.

**Score 16.75+/20 (93-94/100)**

## **Malgrà, Gaiana 2019**

### **Nizza**

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is savoury, spicy, and offers complexity and depth. It expresses notes of leather, sweet spices (grated nutmeg, ground clove, liquorice), as well as notes of dried herbs (basil, oregano, mint), roasted bouquet garni (thyme, rosemary, bay leaf), as well as dried flowers (dried rose, dried cornflower), violet and forest floor in the background. The fruity notes are ripe and fresh (wild strawberry, raspberry coulis, morello cherry, blackberry), complemented by touches of dried fruit (dried red cherry) and bitter cocoa. The palate is savoury, gourmand and juicy. It expresses notes of roasted red fruits (roasted cherry, roasted raspberry), fresh fruits (black cherry, blackberry, wild strawberry), a sweet and savoury spiciness (vanilla, cinnamon, cloves), chocolate with mint and flowers (violet, dried rose, iris). The tertiary notes of leather and undergrowth are very delicate, less present than on the nose, and appear at the end of the palate. Good length, lots of flavors, juiciness, fresh acidity and a refined tannic structure. A fleshy and complex wine, but harmonious and elegant.

**Score: 17+/20 (94-95/100)**

## **Forvia, Scagliola 2021**

### **Nizza**

The wine has a deep ruby color. The nose is gourmand, fruity, slightly tangy and herbaceous. It expresses notes of red cherry, blueberry, raspberry, strawberry, dried blackcurrant, dried raspberry as well as wild mint, dried basil, a fine touch of toast and smoke in the background, as well as a hint of vanilla, liquorice, gray pepper, peony and iris. The palate is juicy, open, very fruity and gourmand. It expresses notes of ripe morello cherry, cherry in kirsch, red chocolate cherry, crushed blackcurrant, blueberry, wild strawberry and raspberry coulis, combined with gourmet notes of mint chocolate, cocoa, cinnamon and vanilla (in the background), with a touch of pepper and a fragrant floral bouquet (peony, rose). The tannins are tight, but have a fine texture. Nice acidity, the finish is

persistent, warm, gourmand and chocolatey.

**Score: 16.25/20 (92-93/100)**

### **Mauro Sebaste, Costemonghisio 2020**

#### **Nizza**

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is a little reserved and benefits from aeration. It then expresses the notes of crushed strawberry, fresh wild strawberry, roasted red cherry, fresh morello cherry, crushed blackcurrant, blackberry, as well as dried mint, vanilla, liquorice, clove, white pepper, chocolate, toasted hazelnut, eucalyptus and a fine floral bouquet (rose petals, violet, peony). The palate is expressive and savoury, with lots of gourmandise. It offers notes of wild strawberry, juicy morello cherry, raspberry coulis, red plum, crème de cassis, as well as chocolate with mint, cherry in chocolate, wild mint, liquorice, a touch of toasted hazelnut, cinnamon and vanilla (with a fine hint of pepper in the background) and fresh flowers (peony, rose petals). The finish offers good persistence, freshness, and a nice salivating acidity.

The tannins are melted and supple. Gourmandise and sapidity.

**Score: 16+/20 (92-93/100)**

### **Carlo Magno, Cascina Perfumo 2019**

#### **Nizza**

The wine has a deep ruby color. The nose is juicy, gourmand and fruity. It expresses notes of crushed blueberry, blackcurrant, morello cherry, tangy red cherry, wild strawberry and raspberry, fresh cranberries, as well as white pepper, liquorice (with a hint of star anise), cumin, grated nutmeg, a touch of vanilla, as well as cherry in chocolate, chocolate with mint, and floral notes of violet, rose and iris. The palate is generous, chocolatey, with notes of ripe fruit, while remaining fresh. It expresses notes of chocolate cherry, chocolate prunes, crushed wild strawberry, raspberry coulis, roasted red cherry, cherry jam, mint chocolate, liquorice, vanilla, as well as bitter cocoa, dried rose and peony. The finish is persistent and spicy: we also find notes of cumin seeds, white pepper and nutmeg. The acidity is supple, but fresh and pleasant. The tannins are well structured, fine and silky.

**Score: 16.75/20 (93-94/100)**

### **Bersano, Cremosina 2020**

#### **Nizza**

The wine has a pale ruby color. The first nose is tasty and spicy: we find distinct notes of sweet spices (ground nutmeg, liquorice with a hint of star anise, cloves, ground cumin), an elegant and fragrant floral bouquet (fresh peony, rose, lily), combined with a touch of menthol and wild mint. On the second nose, we find fresh fruit (strawberry, red cherry, morello cherry, raspberry coulis, crushed blackcurrant, dried cranberries) and a fine touch of torrefaction (toasted bread, toasted hazelnut). The palate is juicy, airy and fruity. It expresses notes of red cherry, wild strawberry, crushed raspberry, blackcurrant jam, crushed blackcurrant, associated with notes of wild mint, a touch of menthol, fresh peony, rose, as well as with a delicate spiciness (liquorice, cloves, ground cumin). The tannins are tight, a bit grainy, but enveloped, thanks to a juicy fruity substance and a salivating acidity. The finish is persistent, with pleasant notes of roasted hazelnut.

**Score: 15.5+/20 (91/100)**

## **La Giribaldina, Cala delle Mandrie 2019**

### **Nizza**

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers Gourmandise, depth and juiciness. It expresses notes of ripe black plum, chocolate prunes (in the background), juicy fresh morello cherry (and morello cherry in chocolate in the background), blackcurrant jam, crushed fresh blackcurrant, wild strawberry and raspberry jam. Then, the nose expresses notes of wild mint, thyme, dried bay leaf, dark chocolate, gray pepper, ground cloves, liquorice, roasted coriander seeds, associated with a delicate floral bouquet (violet, cornflower, rose) and a fine touch of roasting (caramelised hazelnut, sweet coffee, coconut). The palate is firm, but juicy and silky at the same time, thanks to a nice concentration of fruity matter. It expresses the flavors of fresh morello cherry, wild plum, wild blackberry, wild strawberry, crushed raspberry, roasted red cherry, combined with notes of liquorice, gray pepper, ground cumin, cloves, coriander seeds, vanilla (in the background), dark chocolate and chocolate cherry. We then find notes of dried flowers (violet, cornflower, rose), a hint of wild mint and a powdery touch of cocoa.

Good persistence in the mouth, on the chocolate note, refreshed by a nice acidity.

**Score: 16/20 (92/100)**

## **La Giribaldina, Cala delle Mandrie 2018**

### **Nizza**

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The first nose offers bright fruit (freshraspberry, ripe red cherry, juicy morello cherry, crushed blackcurrant, wild blackberry, strawberry jam and fresh wild strawberry). Then, we find notes of wild mint, liquorice, white pepper, ground cumin, cloves, as well as a fragrant floral bouquet (fresh rose, cornflower, violet), a fine chocolate side (chocolate cherry, chocolate with mint) and delicate tertiary notes, which appear in the background (tobacco, leather, dried flowers, a hint of truffle). The palate is silky, savoury and offers depth, complexity and a warming touch. It expresses notes of fresh ripe and jammy fruits (fresh morello cherry, red cherry jam, raspberry coulis, wild strawberry, crème de cassis, wild blackberry), with a fresh floral bouquet (peony, rose), with a touch of sweetness and gourmandise with minty chocolate and sweet spices (vanilla, cumin, liquorice, cinnamon in the background). The finish is ample, warm and persistent with notes of cherry jam and cocoa. The tannins are fine and supple. Nice acidity. A generous, balanced and gourmand wine.

**Score: 16+/20 (92-93/100)**

## **Bava, Piano Alto 2018**

### **Nizza**

The wine has a pale ruby color with light garnet reflections. The first nose offers lots of spice and distinct tertiary notes. We find aromas of grated nutmeg, liquorice, cloves, white pepper, liquorice, a touch of juniper berries, as well as tobacco, undergrowth and truffles. We then find floral notes (dried wild flowers, peony, violet, dried rose), herbaceous touch (wild mint, bay leaf, roasted thyme), a hint of torrefaction (toasted hazelnut) and ripe fruit (red cherry, morello cherry, blackberry, wild plum, wild strawberry, crushed raspberry). The palate is savoury, very fruity, with enveloped spicy notes. It expresses the flavors of crushed wild strawberries, juicy morello cherries, strawberry jam, raspberry coulis, crushed blackcurrant and crème de cassis, combined with notes of dark chocolate, chocolate cherry, wild mint, cumin, liquorice, cloves, cornflower, peony and rose, as well as a touch of undergrowth in the background. The tannins are very fine and silky, but structured and enveloping. Beautiful salivating acidity which refreshes the warm side on the finish. Beautiful persistence, concentration and sapidity.

**Score: 16+/20 (92-93/100)**

## **Il Botolo 2017**

### **Nizza**

The wine has a medium intensity ruby color with garnet reflections. The first nose expresses tertiary notes of undergrowth, tobacco, wet leaves and dried flowers, which combine with the second nose with notes of sweet spices (cinnamon, toasted vanilla, ground cumin, clove, liquorice and a hint of star anise), fresh and jam fruits (crushed fresh blackcurrant, morello cherry, crushed wild strawberry, raspberry coulis, fresh raspberry, blackcurrant jam, dried cranberries), wild mint and dried flowers (rose, blueberry, violet), cherry in chocolate and prunes in chocolate. The palate is savoury, juicy and offers power, a warming touch, depth and complexity. It expresses notes of crushed fresh blackcurrant, crème de cassis, crushed wild strawberry, roasted red cherry, juicy fresh morello cherry, raspberry coulis, morello cherry jam, combined with notes of dark chocolate, pepper dark, chocolate with mint, liquorice with a hint of star anise, cinnamon, toasted vanilla in the background, cloves, as well as a touch of chocolate prunes, kirsch and a floral bouquet (peony, rose, violet). A powerful, warm and generous wine, with a good level of acidity and a lingering and sapide finish.

**Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)**

## **Bocchino, Due Lù 2020**

### **Nizza**

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is discreet and requires aeration. It expresses notes of fresh red and black fruits (red cherry, morello cherry, wild strawberry, crushed raspberry, blackberry, a touch of blackcurrant), combined with notes of wild mint, sweet spices (liquorice, clove, ground cumin), torrefaction (mild coffee, toasted almond with a hint of bitterness), a fine resinous touch of pine sap, as well as a floral bouquet (violet, fresh rose) and chocolate. The palate is fresh, straight and juicy. It expresses notes of red cherry, morello cherry, crunchy strawberry, crushed raspberry, a hint of blackcurrant and blueberry, fresh flowers (rose, violet, iris), as well as a refined spiciness (liquorice, a hint vanilla, ground cumin, cloves) and a touch of cherry in chocolate. There is also a hint of toasted hazelnut and caramel in the background. The finish is persistent, fragrant, with juicy, ripe fruit and a fine spiciness. The tannins are structured, but velvety, with a fine texture. Beautiful acidity and juiciness on the finish.

**Score: 15.75/20 (91-92/100)**

## **Moncucco, Dacasto Duilio 2021**

### **Nizza**

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. On the nose, it offers juiciness, ripe fresh fruit, good concentration and a fine peppery hint. It expresses notes of juicy morello cherry, ripe red cherry, crunchy strawberry, redcurrant jelly, fresh raspberry, associated with notes of sweet spices (liquorice, white pepper, clove), as well as a fine floral and herbaceous hints (touches of peony, violet and wild mint). The palate is gourmand, with a beautiful fruity substance and concentration, but at the same time fresh and airy. It expresses notes of juicy morello cherry, red cherry, wild blackberry, wild strawberry and fresh raspberry, associated with a refined floral bouquet (peony, a touch of fresh rose, violet) and an envelopping spiciness (pepper white, ground clove, liquorice). The finish is rather persistent, juicy and gourmand, with lots of fruit and a savoury note of cherry in chocolate and chocolate with mint. The acidity is supple, but refreshing. The tannins are discreet and fine. An accessible and gourmand wine.

**Score: 15.5/20 (90-91/100)**



## **Michele Chiarlo, Cipressi 2021**

### **Nizza**

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is slightly smoky and reserved at first and requires aeration. It then expresses notes of sweet spices (nutmeg, cloves, a touch of liquorice and a hint of white pepper), which is then completed by an elegant floral bouquet (violet, iris, rose, lily) and fresh fruit (raspberry, wild strawberry, red cherry, morello cherry, a touch of blackberry) and distinct peppermint and bourbon vanilla notes. The palate is juicy and savoury, with fine and melted but enveloping tannins, a salivating acidity and a good bitterness in the background which refreshes the wine. It expresses the flavors of wild strawberry, tart morello cherry, red cherry, raspberry, redcurrant jelly, crushed wild blackberry, which develop towards a refined spiciness (clove, white pepper, cumin seeds, a hint of vanilla, liquorice), floral (violet, rose, iris) and herbaceous (peppermint, rosemary) notes. The finish is quite persistent, fruity and savoury. A pleasant wine, with freshness, juiciness and refined concentration.

**Score: 15.5+/20 (91/100)**

## **Villa Giada, Dani 2020**

### **Nizza**

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is fragrant and fruity, with a gourmand chocolate touch. We find notes of morello cherry, red cherry, fresh strawberry, raspberry, blackberry and wild plum, associated with notes of violet, dried rose, vanilla (in the background), clove, liquorice (with a subtle touch of eucalyptus), fresh tobacco, as well as a touch of mild coffee, toasted hazelnut and cocoa. The palate is fragrant, straight, structured and concentrated. It expresses notes of black fruits (black cherry, dried blackcurrant, dried raspberry, raspberry coulis, wild strawberry, red currant jelly, blackberry), dark chocolate with mint, dried mint, liquorice, cloves, a touch of vanilla, as well as a fine floral bouquet (peony, fresh rose, iris), a touch of blond tobacco and sweet coffee in the background. The tannins are firm, slightly rough, but enveloped and not drying. The finish is quite persistent and savoury, with a supple but fresh acidity, a good bitterness of dark chocolate and a fine spicy touch of cinnamon in the background. Great concentration and gourmandise.

**Score: 16/20 (92/100)**

## **Serra Domenico 2019**

### **Nizza**

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers a refined and integrated herbaceous hint, as well as delicate notes of development, a racy minerality and a ripe fruitiness. We find in particular the aromas of wet stone with a limestone touch, dried red cherry, juicy morello cherry, crushed blackcurrant, blueberry jam, wild strawberry and crushed raspberry, associated with notes of liquorice, ground cumin, cloves, grilled vanilla, roasted aromatic herbs (thyme, rosemary), fresh flowers (violet, rose), as well as a fine touch of undergrowth in the background. The mouth is round, silky, enveloping and harmonious. It offers a beautiful concentration of fruit, a firm but velvety tannic structure, all in balance. We find notes of very ripe morello cherry, wild plum, blackberry, red cherry jam, roasted cherry, wild strawberry, raspberry coulis, associated with notes of rose, violet, chocolate with mint, chocolate cherry, cloves, white pepper, liquorice, crushed vanilla, as well as toast, dried rosemary and tobacco in the background. The finish offers sapidity, a beautiful acidity and a controlled power of tannins, enveloped in juicy fruit flavors. A well-constructed wine, with good potential.

**Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)**

## **Vinicola Arno, Lorella 2019**

### **Nizza**

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is savoury, finely spicy and woody, with ripe and fresh fruitiness and subtle notes of evolution. It expresses notes of juicy morello cherry, dried red cherry, wild strawberry, raspberry coulis, crushed blackcurrant, combined with notes of dark chocolate, vanilla, liquorice, cloves, toasted coriander seeds, with a touch of mint, even slightly sappy, toasted oak and fresh hazelnut, as well as notes of fresh flowers (rose, violet, a touch of cornflower), dried mint, cocoa and hay in the background. The palate offers juiciness, beautiful concentration and precision. It expresses notes of roasted red cherry, fresh morello cherry, wild strawberry, crushed blackcurrant, blackberry and raspberry coulis, combined with touches of liquorice, clove, nutmeg, cocoa, chocolate cherry, dried mint, fresh rose, dried cornflower, as well as a hint of sweet coffee. The tannins are well structured and fine. Lots of juiciness and gourmandise on the finish, thanks to flavors of ripe red cherry and a nice acidity.

**Score: 15.75/20 ( 91-92/100)**

## **Castagnole delle Lanze, Dogliotti 2019**

### **Nizza**

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity with light garnet reflections. The nose offers a pronounced herbaceous and floral notes (hay, wild mint, rosemary, peony, rose), associated with juicy fruits (ripe morello cherry, crushed blackcurrant, red cherry, red currant, strawberry, crushed raspberry) and a fine spiciness (clove, cumin, liquorice), as well as a touch of toasted hazelnut in the background. The palate is juicy, fruity and finely tight. It expresses the flavors of morello cherry, strawberry, red cherry, raspberry, black plum, combined with notes of liquorice, clove, ground cumin, dried peony, rose, wild mint and hay. The tannins are tight, but enveloped thanks to a salivating acidity and the freshness of the fruits. The finish is juicy, gourmand and quite persistent: it expresses notes of macerated red cherry and black plum. Freshness and gourmandise.

**Score: 15.75/20 (91-92/100)**

## **Tenute Neirano 2021**

### **Nizza**

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is fragrant, fruity and tangy. It expresses notes of tart red cherry, crunchy strawberry, fresh raspberry, a hint of fresh cranberries, as well as fine spicy (liquorice, white pepper, grated nutmeg, a touch of cinnamon), floral (cornflower, iris, rose) and herbaceous touches (dried mint, dried thyme). There is also a very delicate note of toast, even caramelised almond in the background. The palate is juicy, ample and ripe, with an enveloped spiciness. It expresses slightly sweeter notes than on the nose: roasted red cherry, juicy morello cherry, crushed strawberry, raspberry, crushed blackcurrant, combined with notes of chocolate cherry, dried mint, peony, liquorice, ground nutmeg and vanilla (in the background). The finish is persistent and gourmand, with notes of dried fruit (cherry, even dried fig), caramel (with a slight touch of caramelised hazelnuts) and chocolate. The tannins are fine and melted.

Beautiful acidity, fruity roundness, balance and lots of gourmandise.

**Score: 15.5+/20 (91/100)**

## **Pico Maccario, Tre Roveri 2021**

### **Nizza**

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The first nose expresses pronounced notes of pine sap and pine needles, which then combine with notes of menthol (or even eucalyptus), a floral bouquet (fresh peony, lilac, cornflower), a refined spiciness (clove, ground nutmeg, liquorice) and a

herbaceous hint of infused black tea. The fruits on the nose are ripe, juicy, slightly tangy. We find in particular notes of wild strawberry, fresh raspberry, morello cherry, black plum and blackcurrant, even a slight touch of bergamot in the background, which returns in the mid-palate. The flavors are silky, enveloping, with a nice concentration on the palate and a refreshing acidity. We find notes of juicy morello cherry, wild strawberry, raspberry, red cherry, redcurrant jelly, blackcurrant, associated with notes of pine sap, liquorice, cloves and fresh flowers (peony, lilac). The tannins are well structured, quite firm, but with a fine texture. The finish is gourmand, tangy and quite persistent.

**Score: 16/20 (92/100)**

### **Tenuta Garetto, Favà 2021**

#### **Nizza**

The wine has a bright ruby color of medium intensity. The nose opens with delicate oaky notes (toasted hazelnut, fresh oak, pine sap), and then offers floral aromas (peony, violet, lilac) and a juicy and slightly sweet fruitiness (black cherry jam, red cherry). blackberry, wild strawberry, raspberry coulis). We also find gourmet notes of mint chocolate, sweet spices (liquorice, ground cloves), fresh tobacco and thyme. On the palate, the wine is open, juicy, fruity and gourmand. It offers flavors of fresh morello cherry, raspberry coulis, wild strawberry, red currant jelly, as well as peppermint, liquorice, clove, mint chocolate and chocolate cherry. A fine floral touch (rose, lilac) returns at the end of the palate. The tannins are delicate and soft. Good persistence with chocolate notes, balanced by a good level of acidity.

**Score: 16/20 (92/100)**

### **Castino, Gemma 2020**

#### **Nizza**

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The first nose is fragrant and expresses distinct floral and herbaceous notes (rose, lily, fresh cornflower, fresh tobacco, wild mint), associated with a savoury spiciness (grated nutmeg, cloves, liquorice, crushed coriander seeds). We then find notes of fresh morello cherry, wild strawberry, raspberry coulis, crushed blueberry, crushed blackcurrant, as well as a touch of coffee and mint chocolate, as well as chocolate cherry. The palate is juicy and fresh. It expresses notes of fresh morello cherry, crushed blackcurrant, wild strawberry, raspberry coulis, as well as sweet spices (vanilla, liquorice, ground cumin, ground nutmeg), a touch of chocolate (chocolate cherry, mint chocolate) and a floral hint (rose, lily, peony) and a touch of toasted hazelnut on the finish. The tannins are fine, sapid, firm, but enveloped, with a silky texture. The finish offers freshness, thanks to a good level of acidity and gourmandise of chocolate cherry. A harmonious, supple and concentrated wine.

**Score: 16.5/20 (92-93/100)**

### **La Gironda, Le Nicchie 2019**

#### **Nizza**

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The first nose offers a refreshing herbaceous hints (notes of wild mint, fresh tobacco, blackcurrant leaf in the background) and an elegant floral bouquet (iris, lily, violet). We also find notes of sweet spices (clove, ground cumin, coriander seeds, liquorice), torrefaction (mild coffee, heated oak), dark chocolate, and a juicy fruitiness (wild strawberry, morello cherry, raspberry coulis, redcurrant jelly, black plum, blackberry). The palate is textured, dense and concentrated, with an enveloping but very fine tannic texture. The wine expresses the gourmand and generous flavors of prunes in chocolate, morello cherry jam, crushed wild strawberries, raspberry jam, as well as notes of cherry with kirsch, chocolate with mint, cherry with chocolate, crushed vanilla, white pepper, liquorice, ground cumin, grated nutmeg, toasted

hazelnut, coffee and a floral touch of peony, dried rose and lilac. The acidity is soft, but pleasant. The finish is quite lingering and warm, but with a certain balance between high alcohol level and freshness.

**Score: 16/20 (92/100)**

### **Cascina Barisel, La Cappelletta 2019**

#### **Nizza**

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers complexity, freshness and combines a floral bouquet (rose, lily, violet), herbaceous touches (wild mint, fresh tobacco, rosemary in syrup) and a fine spiciness (liquorice, cumin, cloves) with juicy and ripe fruits (black cherry, wild strawberry, wild blackberry, crushed blueberry, raspberry coulis). We also feel a very slight note of undergrowth in the background. The palate offers freshness, juiciness and lots of fruit. We find the flavors of ripe morello cherry, wild strawberry, raspberry coulis, red currant jelly, wild plum with its tannic side on the palate, as well as sweet spices (liquorice, a hint of cinnamon, grilled vanilla), a touch of chocolate (mint chocolate, chocolate cherry) and mint. There are also fine notes of caramelised hazelnut and flowers (peony, rose) on the gourmand and persistent finish. The tannins are relatively powerful, but fine. Good level of acidity, which brings freshness. A well-constructed, concentrated, generous and rather balanced wine.

**Score: 16.5+/20 (93-94/100)**

### **Garesio, Gavelli 2019**

#### **Nizza**

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is slightly smoky and meaty, savoury and spicy: it expresses notes of grated nutmeg, liquorice, crushed vanilla pod, cloves, as well as gourmand notes of mint chocolate, cinnamon (in the background), a fine floral bouquet (dried rose, peony, lotus), combined with a fresh and slightly tangy fruitiness. We find in particular notes of wild strawberry, fresh raspberry, crushed blackcurrant, fresh morello cherry and red cherry jam, as well as a touch of crème de cassis and wild mint. The palate is generous, savoury and gourmand. It expresses notes of wild strawberry, raspberry coulis, fresh morello cherry, red cherry jam, blackberry and crushed blackcurrant, as well as mint chocolate, peony, fresh rose and sweet spices (toasted vanilla, cinnamon, cloves, grated nutmeg). The tannins are a bit rough and grippy, but wrapped in a fruity substance. The acidity is supple and pleasant.

Good persistence with notes of chocolate cherry and cocoa. A rich and warm wine.

**Score: 16/20 (92/100)**

### **Isolabella della Croce, Augusta 2018**

#### **Nizza**

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity with light garnet reflections. The nose is complex and fragrant. It combines the notes of development (undergrowth, wet leaves, dried cherry, tobacco, a very slight touch of mushrooms) with a fine spiciness (cumin, cloves, ground nutmeg, liquorice) and floral notes (violet, fresh rose, peony). Everything is wrapped in a juicy and gourmand fruitiness (wild strawberry, morello cherry, crushed blackcurrant, blackberry, raspberry coulis). There is also a touch of peppermint in the background. The palate is savoury, warming and quite rich. You can feel a high level of alcohol, balanced by a salivating acidity on the finish. The flavors are varied and complex: the wine expresses notes of crushed wild strawberry, chocolate morello cherry, red cherry jam, crushed raspberry, crème de cassis, as well as notes of sweet gourmand spices (vanilla, cinnamon, ground cumin, clove), a touch of mint and floral notes (peony, fresh rose). The tannins are silky, velvety, very fine and enveloping. The finish is juicy, gourmand and chocolatey. The acidity is supple and integrated into a fleshy and generous wine profile. A full-

bodied, concentrated, rich, warm wine without being heavy.

**Score: 17/20 (94/100)**

## **Cascina La Barbatella, La Vigna dell'Angelo 2020**

### **Nizza**

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is fragrant, spicy and delicately oaky. It expresses notes of caramelised hazelnut, coffee, roasted vanilla, cinnamon, white pepper, liquorice and crushed coriander seeds, as well as touches of wild mint, violet, rose petals, peony and dark chocolate. We also find a beautiful juicy fruitiness, with a fine chocolatey hint: notes of wild strawberry, morello cherry, red chocolate cherry, chocolate prunes, crushed blackcurrant and wild blackberry. The palate is fruity, juicy and fresh, with an expressive spiciness and oakiness which returns at the end of the palate. We first find the notes of morello cherry jam, fresh morello cherry, cherry in chocolate, wild strawberry, crushed raspberry, crushed blackcurrant, which are then completed by notes of chocolate with mint, liquorice, white pepper, cumin, fresh vanilla, cinnamon in the background. We also find a fine floral bouquet (fresh rose, peony). The finish is subtle, juicy and airy. The tannins are finely marked and enveloped. Beautiful length, juiciness, freshness, all in balance.

**Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)**

## **Prunotto, Bansella 2021**

### **Nizza**

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers tangy fruit, as well as a fine spiciness and floral bouquet. It expresses notes of tart red cherry, fresh raspberry, morello cherry, a touch of red cherry jam, red currant jelly and crushed blackcurrant, combined with delicate spicy notes (ground black pepper, liquorice, ground cumin, toasted vanilla in the background), with a touch of peppermint and fresh flowers (peony, violet). The palate is bright, juicy, fresh and gourmand. It offers expressive flavors of juicy morello cherry, tart red cherry, strawberry, crushed raspberry, redcurrant jelly, crushed blackcurrant, combined with a touch of bitter chocolate, sweet spices (vanilla, liquorice, ground cumin and a hint of cinnamon in the background) and fresh flowers (peony, violet, a touch of iris). The tannins are very fine, silky and melted, very slightly perceptible. The acidity is supple and matches harmoniously with the soft and juicy profile of the wine. Beautiful length with notes of cherry in chocolate and a slight bitterness.

**Score: 15.75+/20 (91-92/100)**

## **Vigna Dacapo 2020**

### **Nizza**

(organic) The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers refined concentration and depth. It expresses the aromas of ripe black fruits (black cherry, blackberry, wild black plum), juicy red fruits (wild strawberry, crushed raspberry, tart red cherry), associated with notes of wild mint, menthol, and a subtle spicy bouquet (liquorice, coriander seeds, a hint of crushed vanilla pod, clove), with delicate floral notes (violet, dried cornflower), chocolate with mint and torrefaction (mild coffee, toasted hazelnut). The palate is juicy, very fruity, open and straight. It offers freshness, precision, flavors of ripe fruit (strawberry, crushed raspberry, juicy morello cherry, blueberry, wild plum with its tannic touch, blackcurrant), a fine resinous hint of pine sap, notes of fresh flowers (violet, iris, rose) and sweet spices (liquorice, ground cumin, a hint of vanilla). The tannins are a bit grainy and grippy. Beautiful acidity and freshness on the lingering finish.

**Score: 15.25/20 (90/100)**

## **Bianco Angelo, Bricco Cova 2020**

### **Nizza**

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The first nose is subtle and finely spicy. It expresses notes of grated nutmeg, cloves, liquorice (with a slight hint of star anise) and fresh vanilla. We then find the floral notes of fresh rose, peony, rosehip and iris, as well as a gourmand and juicy fruitiness and discreet milky notes (cherry yogurt, juicy morello cherry, wild strawberry, redcurrant jelly, crushed fresh raspberry, fresh blueberry) and fine roasted notes (toasted oak, toasted hazelnut), combined with a touch of pine needles. The palate is enveloping, juicy and concentrated. It expresses notes of crushed wild strawberry, fresh morello cherry, red cherry jam, crushed raspberry, cherry jam and blackcurrant, with a fine milky touch of cherry yogurt and a delicate spiciness (fresh vanilla, liquorice, cumin, clove) and a floral touch of peony and iris. The tannins are tight, but fine and well structured. Beautiful salivating acidity, juiciness and generous fruit, but fresh on the persistent finish. A pleasant and structured wine, with lots of gourmandise.

**Score: 15.5+/20 (90/100)**

## **Gianni\_Doglia, Viti Vecchie 2020**

### **Nizza**

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is fragrant, tasty and finely spicy and woody. It expresses notes of white pepper, grated nutmeg, liquorice, associated with resinous touches of needles and pine sap, toasted almond and heated oak, with a very discreet touch of caramel and coconut in the background. The fruit on the nose is tangy and fresh: we find in particular the aromas of crushed blackcurrant, juicy morello cherry, red cherry, fresh raspberry, strawberry and fresh red currant. On the palate, the wine is gourmand, open, juicy and chiseled. It expresses notes of fresh blackcurrant, wild black plum, morello cherry, wild strawberry, fresh raspberry and blueberry, with a slight herbaceous touch of blackcurrant leaf and peppermint. We also find notes of black pepper, liquorice, cloves and nutmeg, with a fine hint of vanilla in the background. The finish is quite persistent, with a lively and salivating acidity. The tannins are a bit grainy, balanced by the juiciness and fruitiness of the wine.

**Score: 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)**

## **Francesco Iandolo 2020**

### **Nizza**

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is textured, silky and offers juiciness, fruitand gourmandise, accompanied by a delicate spiciness. It expresses notes of fresh fruit (juicy morello cherry, fresh blackcurrant, wild strawberry, crushed raspberry), candied fruit (red cherry jam) and a discreet touch of dried fruit (dried raspberry, dried cranberries), associated with a racy minerality which appears in the second nose (wet stone, a touch of limestone), fresh tobacco, flowers (violet, rose, cornflower) and sweet spices (nutmeg, cloves, ground cumin and liquorice in the background). Notes of torrefaction (slightly toasted hazelnut, even fresh) are very delicate. The palate is tasty, straight and tangy, with lots of energy, liveliness and refined juiciness. It expresses the flavors of fresh morello cherry, crushed blackcurrant, raspberry, wild strawberry and dried cranberries with a slight bitterness. We also find delicate notes of liquorice, white pepper, nutmeg and clove, and a fine floral bouquet (violet, fresh cornflower), as well as a resinous hint of pine needles. The finish is round, silky, with a supple but fresh acidity and good persistence on the palate, with a tannic side of wild plum and a slight bitterness. Elegance, accuracy and straightness.

**Score: 16/20 (92/100)**

## **Franco Mondo, Le Rose 2018**

### **Nizza**

The wine has a deep ruby color. The nose is ripe, even jammy, gourmand and savoury, with a refined spiciness, beautiful complexity and concentration. The first nose expresses notes of dark chocolate, dried red fruits (strawberry, raspberry), cocoa, mint chocolate, chocolate prunes and sweet spices (bourbon vanilla, cinnamon, liquorice, grated nutmeg, ground cumin, crushed coriander seeds), as well as fresh tobacco, flowers (cherry blossom, peony, rose syrup, lotus) and a fine touch of torrefaction (caramelised almond, coffee with milk). The palate is tight, tannic, a little dry on the attack. The mid-palate is silky and chocolatey, the finish is persistent, tasty, spicy and gourmand. We find notes of fresh morello cherry, red cherry jam, prunes in chocolate, cherry in chocolate, dried red cherry, raspberry coulis, wild plum with its tannic touch, as well as bitter cocoa, liquorice, toasted vanilla, crushed coriander seeds and cloves, as well as a touch of fresh tobacco, mint chocolate and a very light touch of undergrowth. The acidity is salivating and fresh. A pleasant powdery touch and the bitterness of cocoa on the finish. A tasty, silky and gourmand wine, with controlled power.

**Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)**

## **Cascina Garitina, Margherita 2020**

### **Nizza**

The wine has a deep ruby color with purple reflections. The nose is concentrated, deep, juicy and gourmand. It expresses notes of bright fruit (black plum, fresh morello cherry, wild strawberry, red cherry jam, raspberry coulis, blackberry), combined with a fragrant floral touch (peony, fresh rose, lilac, cornflower) and a delicate spiciness, slightly sweet in the background (cinnamon, grilled vanilla, liquorice, cumin, cloves, white pepper), as well as a touch of chocolate with mint and cherry in kirsch. The palate is enveloping, silky, velvety and offers power, juiciness and concentration, all in balance and control. It expresses notes of ripe black plum, juicy morello cherry, red cherry jam, raspberry coulis, prunes in chocolate, cherry in kirsch, as well as chocolate with mint, liquorice, ground cloves, nutmeg and coriander seeds. We also find notes of flowers, slightly sweeter than on the nose (rose syrup, peony, lilac). The tannins are enveloping and melted and have a very fine texture, as well as a beautiful structure. The finish is long, generous, fleshy and warm, even with a slight sensation of alcohol, but balanced by a salivating acidity. A full-bodied and rich wine, very ripe, even jammy, with a high alcohol level, but balanced by a nice acidity and notes of fresh fruit.

**Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)**

## **NIZZA RISERVA DOCG**

### **Bianco Angelo, Bricco Cova 2020**

#### **Nizza Riserva**

The wine has a deep ruby color. The nose is fragrant, spicy and expresses sweet notes of very ripe fruit, torrefaction and sweet spices. We find in particular notes of morello cherry, roasted red cherry, red cherry jam, crème de cassis, wild blackberry, crushed wild berries and raspberry jam, associated with notes of caramel, caramelised hazelnut (even praliné), toasted almond, toasted oak, chocolate cherry, mint chocolate, as well as dried mint, liquorice, cloves, nutmeg, as well as peony, iris and fresh rose. The palate is generously fruity, oaky and caramelised. It expresses notes of caramelised hazelnut, toasted almond, chocolate cherry, chocolate prunes, vanilla, toasted coconut, cinnamon, grated nutmeg, combined with very ripe, even jammy fruits (juicy morello cherry, blackcurrant cream, crushed blackcurrant, red cherry jam, wild strawberry, raspberry jam), as well

as chocolate with mint, iris and peony. The finish is warm (the alcohol level is high, but rather integrated), toasted and caramelised. Beautiful acidity, which refreshes the fleshy side of the end and nice persistence on the palate.

**Score: 17/20 (94/100)**

### **Marco Bonfante Bricco Bonfante 2017**

#### **Nizza Riserva**

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers complexity, depth and a savory spiciness. It expresses notes of grated nutmeg, fresh vanilla, liquorice, cloves, as well as a delicious and sweet woody side: notes of toasted coconut, toasted wood and caramelised hazelnut. There are also fine tertiary notes, harmoniously enveloped in the fruit: aromas of tobacco, roasted mushrooms and a touch of undergrowth. The fruitiness is ripe and delicious: we find notes of roasted red cherry, morello cherry, wild strawberry, blackcurrant, red cherry jam and blueberry, as well as a fine floral side in the background (violet, rose dried). The mouth is enveloping, soft, but straight, chiseled and fresh. It expresses notes of very ripe fruit and jam in the attack (ripe morello cherry, red cherry jam, roasted red cherry, juicy blackberry, crème de cassis, fresh blackcurrant), associated with notes of chocolate, spices sweet (cinnamon, liquorice, vanilla, clove, grated nutmeg) and a floral touch (violet, iris, dried rose). The tertiary notes are very delicate and appear at the end of the palate (tobacco, roasted mushrooms). The tannins are fine and smooth. The finish is delicious, very fruity and ripe, but fresh at the same time, thanks to a nice acidity. Beautiful harmony, Gourmandise and structure.

**Score: 17/20 (94/100)**

### **Guasti Barcarato 2019**

#### **Nizza Riserva**

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is savoury, with a pronounced but refined spiciness. It expresses notes of liquorice (with a touch of star anise), cloves, white pepper, roasted aromatic herbs (thyme, rosemary, bay leaf), a fragrant floral bouquet (violet, fresh rose, lily), as well as a ripe and fresh fruitiness. We find notes of fresh raspberry, garriguetto strawberry, fresh red currants, tart red cherry and morello cherry, as well as a fine minerality. The palate is precise, powdery, with an attack of notes of cocoa and dried red fruits (dried cherry, dried cranberries). We then find notes of fresh wild strawberry, dried strawberry, fresh red cherry, raspberry coulis and fresh blueberry, associated with notes of roasted aromatic herbs (thyme, rosemary, bay leaf), fresh flowers (violet, rose) and fine spicy notes (liquorice, nutmeg). The finish is savoury, tangy, slightly bitter (good bitterness), with fine but enveloping tannins. Beautiful balance and gourmandise.

**Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)**

### **Pico Maccario, Epico 2020**

#### **Nizza Riserva**

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is savoury, gourmand and finely spicy. It expresses notes of liquorice, fennel seeds, black pepper berries, cumin, nutmeg, as well as touches of roasted aromatic herbs (thyme, rosemary, oregano), mint, basil, flowers (lily, peony, rose), a fine touch of graphite, toasted hazelnut, as well as a refined and ripe fruity substance (wild strawberry, wild blackberry, morello cherry, roasted red cherry, crushed raspberry). The mouth is full, enveloping and warm. It expresses notes of juicy ripe fruit: wild strawberry, morello cherry, red cherry jam, crushed raspberry, wild blackberry, crème de cassis (with its warming touch), cherry in kirsch, as well as sweet spices (liquorice, cumin, cloves), roasted aromatic herbs (thyme, rosemary, oregano), a touch of graphite in the background. The tannins are fine, textured and enveloping, with a beautiful structure. The finish is supple, gourmand, with a warming touch of



alcohol, but well balanced.

**Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)**

## **Malgrà, Mora di Sassi 2018**

### **Nizza Riserva**

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity, with light garnet reflections. The nose is fragrant, complex and deep. The first nose expresses notes of leather, undergrowth, a delicate touch of mushrooms (even a hint of truffle), dried mint, eucalyptus, pine sap, as well as a floral aromas (dried rose, fresh rose, lily, lotus), slightly spicy (nutmeg, clove, gray pepper) and a delicate fruitiness (roasted red cherry, very ripe morello cherry, wild strawberry, dried cherry, crushed raspberry, dried blueberry). The palate is silky, melted, with an ample and velvety tannic structure, but quite firm, without being drying. It expresses the flavors of roasted red cherry, redcurrant jelly, wild strawberry, raspberry coulis and dried blueberry, combined with notes of dried basil, eucalyptus, peppermint, liquorice, nutmeg, dried rose, lily and dried cornflower. Notes of undergrowth, leather and mushrooms (with a touch of truffle) appear in the long and sapid finish. Beautiful acidity, energy, very good balance, depth and gourmandise. An elegant and silky wine.

**Score: 18.25+/20 (96-97/100)**

## **Marenco 2020**

### **Nizza Riserva**

The wine has a deep ruby color. The nose is reserved and requires aeration. It expresses notes of red cherry, morello cherry, garriguetto strawberry, raspberry jam, fresh crushed blackcurrant, blueberry, blackberry, as well as dried mint, fresh oregano, menthol, rosemary, a fine spiciness (liquorice, vanilla, nutmeg), as well as violet and fresh cornflower, with a slight note of fresh tobacco and toasted hazelnut in the background. The palate is fragrant, with pleasant fresh notes of menthol and peppermint in the attack. We then find the juicy red fruits (wild strawberry, morello cherry, red cherry jam, fresh blueberry, crushed blackcurrant, raspberry), as well as a floral side (violet, peony, iris) and spicy (liquorice, nutmeg, a hint of vanilla and cinnamon). The finish is persistent, gourmand and adds notes of cocoa, caramelised hazelnut and chocolate cherry to the bouquet. The tannins are structured, but have a velvety, fine and silky texture. Beautiful salivating acidity, The finish is savoury, with notes of sweet spices (nutmeg, cloves) and the freshness of tangy red cherry.

**Score: 16/20 (92/100)**

## **Cascina Barisel, Vigna dei Pilati 2019**

### **Nizza Riserva**

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is reserved, but expresses complexity and finesse. We find notes of juicy morello cherry, wild strawberry, crushed raspberry, wild blackberry, red currant jam, wild blackberry and a hint of crème de cassis, as well as blackcurrant jam. Then, the nose reveals notes of crushed wild mint, cut rosemary, bay leaf, a floral touch (violet, cornflower, field flowers), chocolate with mint, sweet spices (vanilla, a fine touch of cinnamon, ground cumin, liquorice), torrefaction (caramel, toasted hazelnut, a touch of coffee). In the mouth, we find juiciness, fruit freshness and airiness. It expresses notes of blackcurrant jam, blackcurrant cream, crushed wild strawberries, juicy morello cherries, raspberry coulis, blueberry jam, as well as wild mint, rosemary, a touch of mint and sweet spices (ground cumin, nutmeg, liquorice), a hint of torrefaction (mild coffee, toasted hazelnut), flowers (cornflower, violet) and notes of evolution, which appear in the finish (tobacco, dried flowers, damp leaves). The finish is straight, tight, but velvety, juicy and gourmand. Beautiful persistence and refreshing acidity.

**15.75/20 (91-92/100)**

## **Bersano, Generala 2018**

### **Nizza Riserva**

The wine has a pale ruby color with very light garnet reflections. On the nose, the wine is reserved and requires aeration. We then find complexity and a lot of freshness and aromas of tangy black fruits: the wine expresses notes of fresh morello cherry, fresh crushed blackcurrant, tangy black cherry, wild strawberry, crushed raspberry, associated with notes wild mint, cut rosemary, dried rose, violet and cornflower. We also find a fine spiciness (liquorice, ground cumin, grated nutmeg), toasted (toasted oak, caramel) and tertiary (tobacco, wet leaves and a touch of truffle in the background). The palate is juicy, supple, enveloping and airy, with firm tannins, but with a fine texture. It expresses notes of wild strawberry, juicy red cherry, morello cherry, fresh crushed blackcurrant, crushed raspberry, associated with a warm peppery hint, with notes of sweet spices (liquorice, ground cumin, cloves, a touch of vanilla), bitter cocoa, dried flowers (rose, violet, cornflower) and tertiary notes of tobacco, wet leaves and truffles. The finish is persistent, juicy, with a warming hint of sweet spices and chocolate, as well as a nice acidity. The tannins are structured, tight, but fine.

**Score: 15.75/20 (91-92/100)**

## **Tenuta Il Falchetto, Bricco Roche 2018**

### **Nizza Riserva**

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The wine is a bit reserved on the nose and benefits from being aerated. It expresses the savoury and sweet notes of red chocolate cherry, juicy morello cherry, wild strawberry, blackberry, raspberry jam, crème de cassis and blueberry jam, combined with notes of dark chocolate, roasted aromatic herbs (thyme, rosemary, bay leaf), mint, as well as a fine spiciness (liquorice, roasted cumin seeds, coriander seeds, nutmeg, a hint of vanilla) and a bouquet of fresh flowers (rose, peony, wild flowers), as well as a touch of roasting (mild coffee, caramelised hazelnut). The palate is full, juicy, ripe and a little jammy, with a warm side of alcohol, but at the same time fresh. It expresses notes of crushed wild strawberry, raspberry coulis, juicy morello cherry, red cherry jam, blackberry, crushed blackcurrant and crème de cassis, combined with flavors of mint chocolate and sweet spices (liquorice, cumin, cloves, coriander seeds), accompanied by a peppery hint and a fine floral bouquet (dried rose, peony, lily). We also find a very fine touch of coffee and tertiary note of undergrowth on the finish. Beautiful persistence, with gourmandise, a warming touch and freshness. Good level of acidity, good persistence on sweet spices and structured, but supple tannins.

**Score: 16/20 (92/100)**

## **Michele Chiaro, La Court 2020**

### **Nizza Riserva**

The wine has a pale ruby color. The nose is slightly reduced at the beginning and expresses smoky and meaty notes. After aeration, it offers a concentrated and juicy fruitiness, even a little roasted (crushed wild strawberries, roasted red cherries, morello cherries, raspberry coulis, a hint of crushed blackcurrant), combined with notes of sweet spices (grated nutmeg, cloves, ground cumin, liquorice with a hint of star anise, a touch of vanilla), flowers (dried rose, cornflower, iris) and herbs (mint, cut rosemary, black tea), as well as only fresh tobacco. The palate is juicy and airy. It expresses notes of tangy fresh fruits (red cherry, morello cherry, strawberry, crushed raspberry, red currants), a pronounced, but enveloped spiciness (notes of clove, ground cumin, vanilla and liquorice with a touch of star anise), as well as a slight hint of toasted hazelnut and fresh flowers (iris, rose, violet). The tannins are sapid, a bit grippy, but fine. The finish is savoury and juicy, with a nice acidity, a pleasant bitterness and gourmand notes of chocolate cherry. A balanced wine, with a warm and

concentrated nose and a lovely freshness on the palate.

**Score: 15.75/20 (91-92/100)**

### **Villa Giada, Dedicato ... 2019**

#### **Nizza Riserva**

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is delicately spicy, fruity and refined. It expresses notes of ground cumin, white pepper, liquorice, clove, associated with notes of dried mint, damp leaves and undergrowth (very slightly perceptible), flowers (dried rose, peony, lilac), enveloped in fresh and ripe fruit (morello cherry, roasted red cherry, crushed raspberry, redcurrant jelly, wild strawberry, crushed blackcurrant). We also see a fine minerality (wet stone) after aeration. The palate offers concentration, juiciness, depth while remaining fresh. It expresses notes of dried red cherry, morello cherry, wild strawberry, raspberry coulis, redcurrant jelly, a hint of blueberry jam, a touch of prunes in chocolate, combined with notes of dried mint, liquorice, clove, cumin, coffee, cocoa, peony, dried rose, tobacco and undergrowth in the background. The tannins are structured, a bit grainy, but balanced by juiciness on the finish, round flavors of cherry in chocolate and a nice acidity. Power and gourmandise.

**Score: 16+/20 (92-93/100)**

### **Vinicola Arno, Leone 2019**

#### **Nizza Riserva**

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose offers depth and complexity: it combines tertiary notes (undergrowth, wet leaves, dried rose, a very delicate note of mushrooms in the background), spiciness (nutmeg, clove, fresh liquorice, ground cumin), hints of fresh tobacco and dried mint with fruity and fresh aromas (wild strawberry, juicy red cherry, morello cherry, crushed raspberry, fresh blackcurrant), as well as a delicate floral bouquet (cornflower, peony) and a touch of chocolate. The palate is chiseled, tangy and rather tight. The tannins are firm, slightly grainy and need time to mellow. We find the flavors of tangy crushed blackcurrant, sharp red cherry, morello cherry, raspberry, red currant, as well as wild mint, cut rosemary, liquorice, cumin, clove, blueberry and violet, with a fine touch of fresh tobacco and undergrowth in the background. The acidity is lively and salivating. It brings freshness to the wine and softens the slightly dry tannic side on the finish. Good length, sapidity and a nice tannic structure, but the wine needs time to open up.

**Score: 15.5+/20 (91/100)**

### **Beppe Marino, Quattrofilari 2018**

#### **Nizza Riserva**

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity, with light garnet reflections. The nose is delicious and fragrant. On the first nose, we find the sweet notes of dark chocolate, cherry in chocolate, cherry, dried mint, cocoa, liquorice, grilled vanilla and cinnamon and toasted hazelnut (after aeration). We also sense notes of fresh mint, fresh rose, peony and violet, which bring a lot of liveliness to the wine. The fruits are juicy and ripe: we find notes of wild plum, blackcurrant, morello cherry, juicy red cherry, raspberry and wild strawberry, with a fine hint of menthol and aromatic herbs (rosemary, flower of thyme) in the background. The palate is fruity, savoury and juicy, with a tight and slightly dry tannic structure. We find the flavors of black plum, fresh morello cherry, wild strawberry, crushed raspberry, fresh blackcurrant and red currants, combined with notes of cocoa, chocolate cherry, dried mint, fresh rose and peony. The finish is quite persistent, slightly bitter, with a nice acidity and gourmandise. We find in particular pleasant notes of juicy chocolate cherry and crème de cassis, which soften the tannins.

**Score: 15.75/20 (91-92/100)**

## **Ru, Erede di Chiappone Armando 2015**

### **Nizza Riserva**

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity, with garnet reflections. The nose is subtle and elegant, but fragrant and gourmand. It first expresses savoury notes of dark chocolate and dried fruits (dried red cherry, dried fig, dried cranberries), which combine after aeration with notes of caramel, toasted hazelnut, blond tobacco, caramelised hazelnuts (in the background). Next, we find notes of roasted red cherry, juicy morello cherry, prunes, crushed strawberry, raspberry coulis, as well as grilled vanilla, liquorice, cumin, fresh peony, iris and rose, with a very subtle touch of white truffle in the background. The palate is airy, silky and delicate, but with a firm tannic structure, which is expressed at the finish (the tannins are fine, but slightly grippy). We find the flavors of roasted red cherry, morello cherry, crushed wild strawberry, raspberry coulis, crème de cassis, combined with notes of fresh peony, dried rose, caramelised hazelnut, dried fig, as well as 'has a fine spiciness (toasted vanilla, cinnamon, ground cumin, cloves) and a touch of wet leaves and dried wild flowers in the background. Beautiful salivating acidity and liveliness on the persistent finish. A refined, gourmand and complex wine.

**Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)**

## **Ru Mandola, Erede di Chiappone Armando 2015**

### **Nizza Riserva**

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity with very light garnet reflections. The nose is fragrant and offers distinct but harmonious evolving notes in the wine profile. We find in particular the aromas of wet leaves, undergrowth, prunes, dried fig, associated with notes of fresh fruit (wild strawberry, morello cherry, crushed blackcurrant, crushed raspberry), aromatic herbs (bay leaf, thyme). and roasted rosemary, fresh wild mint), flowers (dried cornflower, fresh rose, lily), and sweet spices (vanilla, liquorice, cinnamon, ground cumin, cloves) and a very delicate touch of mushrooms in the background. The palate is savoury, gourmand, but rather firm, with slightly dry tannins. It expresses notes of dried flowers (dried cherry, dried blackcurrant), associated with touches of fresh fruit (morello cherry, crushed wild strawberry, crushed raspberry), sweet spices (roasted vanilla, cinnamon, cumin, clove, liquorice), dried flowers (cornflower rose), and a fine hint of dark chocolate and herbaceous (dried mint). Beautiful salivating acidity, which balances the dry tannins and a nice length on the juiciness, a fine spiciness a hint of undergrowth.

**Score: 16/20 (92/100)**

## **Garesio 2016**

### **Nizza Riserva**

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity with light garnet reflections. The nose is refined and offers complexity and accuracy. The first nose expresses notes of wet leaves, undergrowth, dried flowers (dried rose, dried cornflower) and a fine touch of white truffle in the background. We also find a fine and gourmand spiciness: notes of grilled vanilla, cinnamon, liquorice and grated nutmeg. There is also a lovely freshness of wild mint and a gourmandise cherry in chocolate cherry and chocolate with mint on the nose. The palate is savoury, very expressive and offers a beautiful complexity of flavors as well as a firm tannic structure (the tannins are grippy and smell at the end of the mouth). We also smell ripe and jammy fruits (black cherry, red cherry jam, crème de cassis, crushed blackcurrant, wild strawberry, crushed raspberry, blackberry jam), a touch of chocolate prune, cherry kirsch and spiciness. tasty (toasted vanilla, cinnamon, liquorice, ground cumin, cloves, cumin seeds). The finish is persistent, sapid and offers a good level of acidity as well as fine tertiary notes (undergrowth, a touch of truffle and dried rose).

**Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)**

## **Sant'Evasio 2018**

### **Nizza Riserva**

The wine has a ruby color with light garnet reflections. The nose is tasty, fragrant, with delicate tertiary notes (undergrowth, faded rose, peony, tobacco, leather, truffle in the background), subtle and integrated. We also find notes of sweet spices (cinnamon, vanilla, liquorice, grated nutmeg), dried red fruits (dried cherry, dried raspberry) and fresh fruits (morello cherry, wild strawberry, crushed raspberry, blackcurrant) and flowers. fresh (violet, lily). The palate is savoury, mellow and velvety, with a straight tannic structure, but supple and soft, enveloped in a juicy and ripe fruitiness. We find more flavors of fresh fruit than dried or candied ones: wild strawberry, fresh morello cherry, crushed blackcurrant, juicy blackberry, crushed raspberry, dried strawberry, cherry jam, combined with notes of chocolate with mint, fresh flowers (peony, lilac, rose) and sweet spices (fresh vanilla, cinnamon, grated nutmeg, cloves). Beautiful persistence on the palate, which expresses elegant and refined tertiary notes (truffle, tobacco, wilted flowers), as well as a gourmand touch of chocolate and mint. Beautiful balance, complexity, depth, acidity, all finesse and balance.

**Score: 18/20 (96/100)**

## **La Gironda, Ago 2017**

### **Nizza Riserva**

The wine has a deep ruby color, with purple reflections. The nose expresses juicy and fresh fruity notes: wild strawberry, morello cherry, fresh raspberry, red cherry, fresh blackcurrant, crushed blueberry. We also find herbaceous and spicy touches of peppermint, fresh rosemary, cumin, crushed coriander seeds, liquorice, with a hint of white pepper and cinnamon in the background. On the second nose, the wine offers elegant floral notes (violet, rose, peony), a hint of torrefaction (sweet coffee, toasted hazelnut) and a touch of tertiary aromas (hay, undergrowth, white truffles). The palate is juicy, savoury, rich and enveloping, with a high alcohol level. It expresses notes of juicy morello cherry, cherry jam, crushed wild strawberry, crushed blackcurrant, crème de cassis, chocolate prunes, chocolate cherry, as well as sweet spices (roasted vanilla, cinnamon in base, nutmeg, liquorice and toasted coriander seeds), mint chocolate, fresh wild mint, and flowers (peony, rose jam, lilac). The tertiary notes of undergrowth and white truffles are very delicate and appear at the very end of the palate. The tannins are quite firm and powerful, but at the same time velvety and fine. The finish is persistent, savoury. A good level of acidity helps balance the warming touch of alcohol on the palate.

**Score: 17.75/20 (95-96/100)**

## **Tenuta Olim Bauda 2020**

### **Nizza Riserva**

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The first nose is toasty, savoury and slightly smoky. It expresses notes of coffee, toasted hazelnut, toasted oak (with a fine touch of caramel), toasted vanilla, grated nutmeg and cloves, as well as notes of cocoa and dark chocolate. On the second nose, we find notes of juicy morello cherry, chocolate cherry, dried raspberry, raspberry coulis, fresh wood, crushed blackcurrant and blackberry, associated with notes of dried mint, white pepper, liquorice, pine sap and a fine floral bouquet (rose, peony). On the palate, the wine is tight, structured and chiselled. It expresses notes of wild black plum with its tannic touch, morello cherry, wild strawberry, red cherry jam, crushed blackcurrant, fresh raspberry and dried cranberries, as well as a tasty spiciness (cloves, liquorice, nutmeg), a touch of peppermint and flowers (peony, dried rose). The finish is persistent, with a tight tannic structure, slightly drying, but balanced by lively acidity and juicy fruitiness. Good bitterness on the finish. An expressive, gourmand and fresh wine.

**Score: 16.25/20 (92-93/100)**

## **Tenuta Olim Bauda, Bauda 2019**

### **Nizza Riserva**

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity. The nose is warm and offers roundness, depth, Gourmandise and a certain complexity. It expresses notes of fresh morello cherry, crushed strawberry, raspberry coulis, blackcurrant jam, fresh blackberry, as well as a fine spiciness (fennel seeds, liquorice with a delicate touch of anise, ground cumin, nutmeg) and chocolate (bitter cocoa, chocolate cherry, dark chocolate with mint), fresh rose and cornflower. We also find a subtle touch of fresh tobacco and a fine minerality (limestone) in the background. The palate is tight, tannic, but balanced thanks to a salivating acidity. It expresses the flavors of crushed wild strawberry, crushed fresh blackcurrant, raspberry coulis, fresh morello cherry, red cherry jam, crushed fresh blueberry, combined with notes of peppermint, white pepper, ground cumin, liquorice, fennel seeds, fresh rose, dried cornflower. The finish is persistent, gourmand, slightly toast, caramelised and chocolatey. Beautiful energy, freshness, accuracy and gourmandise.

**Score: 16.25+/20 (92-93/100)**

## **Franco Mondo, Le Rose 2017**

### **Nizza Riserva**

The wine has a ruby color of medium intensity with slight garnet reflections. The nose is elegant, gourmand and fragrant, with beautiful concentration and complexity, all in finesse. The first nose offers a fresh fruitiness, with a touch of milk and jam: it expresses, in particular, the notes of fresh morello cherry, crushed blackcurrant, wild strawberry, crushed raspberry, fresh red currants, crème de cassis, cherry yogurt, wild plum and prune cream in the background. We then find a fragrant and sublime floral bouquet: aromas of fresh rose, dried rose, fresh cornflower, violet and lilac, and a delicate and savoury spiciness (cinnamon, grilled vanilla, liquorice, a touch of anise green, fennel seeds and nutmeg), as well as very light notes of damp leaves and undergrowth. The palate is enveloping, silky, and at the same time firm, tannic and structured. It offers a beautiful freshness and expresses the flavors of bird cherry, crushed blackcurrant, wild plum (with its tannic touch), wild strawberry, raspberry coulis, chocolate prunes, mint chocolate, a expressive spiciness, but harmonious and enveloped. We find notes of liquorice, fennel seeds, ground cumin, cloves, as well as bitter cocoa, dried rose, dried cornflower and violet. The finish is long, complex, it continues to develop and adds menthol and aniseed notes to the profile of the wine, as well as a fine touch of undergrowth. Beautiful acidity which refreshes the fleshy and chocolatey notes and softens the firmness of the tannins. Beautiful balance and controlled power.

**Score: 17.5/20 (95/100)**

## **Cascina Garitina, Gianola 2016**

### **Nizza Riserva**

The wine has a deep ruby color. The nose is concentrated, spicy and fruity. It offers depth, complexity, as well as a warm side of roasted and jammy fruits, combined with a touch of kirsch. We find in particular notes of morello cherry jam, roasted red cherry, crushed wild strawberry, raspberry jam, amarena cherry, crushed blackberry, prunes macerated in alcohol, crème de cassis, dark chocolate, dried fig, as well as a touch of dried mint, liquorice, cinnamon, vanilla, nutmeg, toasted cumin seeds and roasted aromas (caramelised hazelnut, toasted coconut, sweet coffee), dried rose and dried blueberry in the background. The palate is fleshy, generous and powerful. It expresses jammy, dried and roasted fruits (cherry jam, prunes, strawberry jam, dried violet fig, amarena cherry, prunes in alcohol, chocolate morello cherry, blackcurrant liqueur, blackberry liqueur) with a touch of freshness and a tannic touch of wild plum. We also find flavors of mint chocolate, bitter cocoa, cinnamon, roasted vanilla, cloves, liquorice (with a hint of star anise), as well as roasted notes (caramelised hazelnut, toasted almond, toasted coconut, coffee) and dried rose



and undergrowth. The tannins are fine, but powerful and firm. The finish is warm and fleshy, even with a touch of alcohol, but a slight bitterness and a salivating acidity bring a certain freshness. Lots of concentration, flesh and power.

**Score: 16.75/20 (93-94/100)**